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IT IS THE SENATOR who compares the president with Charles I. who has lost his head.

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IN VIEW of Stewart it is demonstrated that this is a country of free speech, and mighty mean free speech too.

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DAVID TO GROVER, in response to the Hornblower appointment:

"It may have been right to dissemble your love,
But why do you kick me down stairs?"

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IT MAY BE doubted if Van Alen is as bow-legged as the *World* paints him, though he certainly does have a head of that variety.

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BISMARCK would like well enough to be friendly to the kaiser, but he does insist upon first taking his majesty on his knee to spank him.

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IF PEFFER'S WHISKERS were to be shorn by some Delilah, he would not lose his strength, but would talk right on through his shaving-cup.

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MANY DEMOCRATS who propose to throw off the collar of Croker are merely waiting for the requisite permission from that gentleman.

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THE CZAR TO FRANCE—"Bless you, my children. Let us be friends in peace and war. Lend me a few millions and let us proceed to be affectionate and happy.

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CARTOONS in Chicago papers represent New York as jealous of the great western city. It may be remembered that that was the excuse of the mosquito when he bit the ox.

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ACCORDING to the kaiser, Germany, in fresh armor, watches over the peace of the world. Possibly the armor is too fresh; but we don't know when we have felt so relieved.

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SATAN, according to Colonel Anthony of the Leavenworth *Times*, was the first populist. Maybe, maybe; but he was the original monopolist who tried to get up a corner on heat.

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SARAH GRANT laments the prevalence of novels founded on the passions; so she writes one on the passions and puts a moral on every page as large and disagreeable as an angry boil.

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COMPLAINT IS MADE that senators do not give respectful attention to Peffer when he speaks; but we must remember that he gives respectful attention to them only when he doesn't speak.

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EMPRESS FREDERICK is the owner of a necklace, composed of thirty-two pearls, which is worth two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. We have been wondering for some time where that bauble had gone.

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THE PARLIAMENT of religions at Chicago discussed and disagreed in peace and with the utmost courtesy; but the church that is divided against itself has no assurance in behalf of forgiveness and no assurance against destruction.

HIT A MAN YOUR OWN SIZE.

MRS. O'HOOLIHAN (*as her lord comes in*)—"Yez Oirish idjut! yez hov been discoossing politics wid thot Murphy agin, hov yez? Will yez niver larn t' kape frum argufying wid a mon three toimes yez own soize?"

A SENATORIAL VACANCY.

DON CAMERON can be relied upon for anything unreasonable or unexpected. He represents nobody but himself, and therefore, notwithstanding his wealth, he has the cheapest constituency in the United States. And a pledge from Don Cameron that he will go in a certain direction is proof positive that he will go the other way.

THE COUNTRY "ON HIS HANDS."

THE CHIDING of the president by Senator Stewart for saying that he would have congress "on his hands" is very pathetic. The senator has such a delicate sense of propriety, one wonders that he should oppose the reasonable demands of ninety-nine out of every hundred persons, endanger every business interest for months, and crack the ceiling of the senate-chamber with his intolerable swash.

SOME PERILOUS DEMOCRACY.

WHEN THINGS are settled in Rio the buildings knocked over by civil war will be rebuilt, and by that time a new kind of revolutionist will be in readiness to shoot them down again. This will be good for the poor if any of them happen to have survived the fighting and there is currency wherewith to pay them; but it is dreadful to have to live in a republic that is so excessively democratic as that.

BAD LOGIC.

THE REV. MR. EATON of Louisville recently preached against a picture of Marie Jansen in tights, saying that if it was proper for a woman to wear such a dress on the stage it was proper for her to appear in similar costume in the parlor and on the street. Well, now, according to that logic a costume appropriate anywhere is appropriate everywhere, and a clown has as good a right to wear his cap at a funeral as on the sawdust.

A REAL TRIUMPH.

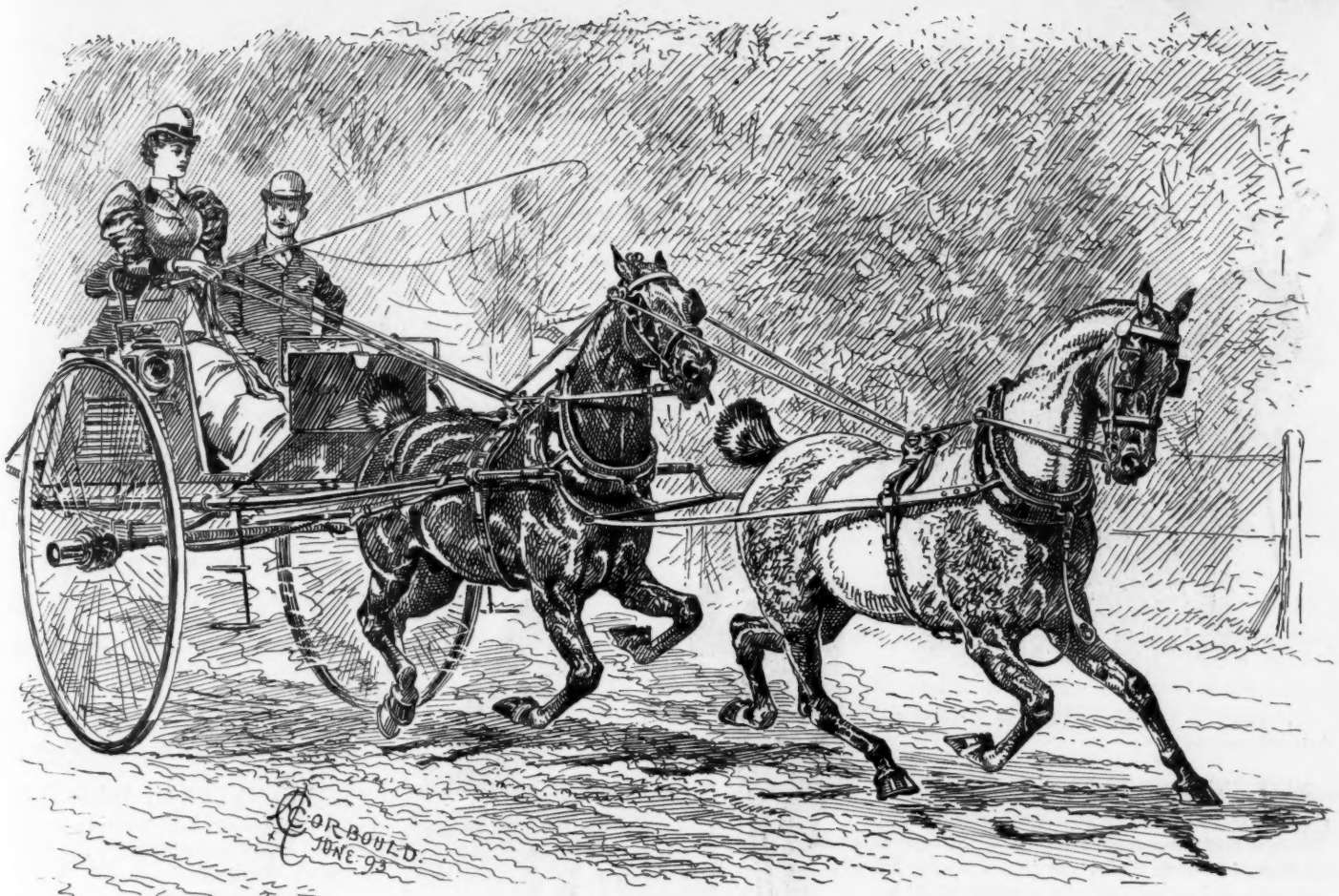
THE DUMMY TRAIN that surprised a gang of robbers, killing two and taking the rest prisoners, is a triumph of civilization over a revived article of barbarism, and we imagine the story of its success was read everywhere with a surprise and delight akin to that of the small boy with his first dime novel. There are a dozen methods to prevent this kind of crime, and it is amazing that some of them have not been tried before. Let it be shown still further that honest men are, after all, half as smart as scoundrels.

THE DANGLING SWORD.

OTTO KEMPNER, formerly of Tammany hall, attacks that institution and predicts its fall after the manner of the house of Tweed. The signs do certainly point in that direction—the love of display, the indulgence in fast horses, and the yearning for society; and this time the destructive attack will come from within. The tyranny of the bosses will presently work the redemption of this city and of the country; and Republicans will hasten that great reform by voting as numerously and as often as they can.

WHY WHINE?

THE ASSUMPTION of the editors of Chicago that New York and its newspapers have opposed the fair in their town is childish enough, and leads to the suspicion that they want to be noticed. No people in the world are more enterprising than those of Chicago, and the fair is the greatest show ever given; but the Chicago disposition to whine, and to brag after the manner of an escaped martyr, is unfortunate. Let this western tenderness look over the files of the JUDGE for the last six months and see if it can't prevail upon itself to be good-natured.



ONE OR THE OTHER.

COUNT DE GAUL—"Ah, I zee you are von of ze strong-minded women."
MISS BLEECKER—"Indeed, I am not."
COUNT DE GAUL—"Pardon; I mek von meestake. Zen you are weak-minded."

RITUALISM AS A SAVING FORCE.

"IS HAUGHTON a high churchman?"

"I should say so. He bows in the creed and kneels in prayer when they take up a collection."

WELL SAID.

She—"I suppose you find me much changed after so long an absence."
He—"Changed! You look exactly like your old self."
And both were pleased with the saying.

LIGHTNING-CHANGE ARTIST.

ETHEL—"Mamma, there is something about that ill-looking young man in the silk department that reminds me of the handsome Count de Lulloo whom we met at Newport last month."
MOTHER—"Nonsense, Ethel!"

CHOLLY (*a moment later*)—"That's four times I've had to change my face to-day. This leading a double life ain't what it's cracked up to be."

A HUNTING EPISODE.

"GEE-WHITTAKER, Nimrod! You've shot your dog."

"Thank heaven! I've succeeded in hitting something at last."

FOR SPRINTERS.

TO KEEP them at the topmost speed
As on each sprinter goes,
The best thing for pedestrians
Is fast-black hose.

CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Engineer—"Quick, Jim! Jump for your life!"

Fireman—"What's the matter?"

Engineer—"The block-signal is set at 'Safety.'"

1. ANY ONE OF THEM—"I'll make it twenty-five dollars to come in."

A BIG HELP.

NOT INFREQUENTLY THE CASE.

GRANDMOTHER MACE was insisting that she could use one burner on her oil-stove if she wanted to, while Walter was fast exhausting his logic to convince her that such a course would inevitably be attended with disaster and regret.

"Nonsense!" said the firm old lady. "I guess I've used this stove before."

"Well," replied the young man desperately, "you seem to know more than the Maker."

"Walter!" exclaimed Mrs. Mace in a tone of warning and reproof.

"I mean," was the hasty correction, "I mean you seem to know more than the maker of the machine."

2. ANY ONE OF THEM—"What! ten dollars for a hat? Do you want to ruin me with your outrageous extravagance?"

LIFE IN KENTUCKY.

"WHAT was the cause of the Hogbert-Rutger feud?"

"Well, you see, young Rutger married Hogbert's daughter."

"Well?"

"Good heavens, man! don't you know anything about life in Kentucky?'

SOME NATURAL HISTORY.

THE man who lost his nerve may be
A very mouse indeed;
But he who dropped a thousand feet
Must be a centipede.

TRUTH PREVAILS.

St. Peter—"Who's there?"

Applicant—"Veri Tabul, esq., New York city."

St. Peter—"What brought you?"

Applicant—"Drowned at the close of a day's fishing."

St. Peter—"How many fish did you catch?"

Applicant—"None."

St. Peter—"Walk right in."

"TWO FOR A QUARTER."

IN ARIZONA.

EASTERN MAN (*to resident of Arizona*)—"Why don't you get out of this country?"

FEWCLOTHES—"Don't no train yiver stop yere, stranger; an' ef I done try ter flag one I'd be taken fer a train-robber an' filled full o' lead."

"SIMPLY GRATE."

LOVE ON THE BIKE.

"I LOVE you," said the bicyclist
To the maid he did admire.
"Oh, dear!" said she, "you cause in me
A large pneumatic tire."

THE ONLY PROFUNDITY.

Spatts—"There is something very profound about Codling."

Bloobumper—"You allude to his ignorance, of course?"

ONCE AGAIN.

NORTHERN WHITE MAN—"Why are you running so, my friend?"
SOUTHERN BLACK MAN—"Dere's a lynchin' mob ober dere."
NORTHERN WHITE MAN—"But they are not after you, are they?"
SOUTHERN BLACK MAN—"No, boss; but I'se black."

CONSERVATIVE.

"I THINK," said the emphatic girl, "that the way in which she treats her husband is positively awful."

"Well," replied Willie Widdles, "to say the least it's awfully positive."

WHY SO LONG?

"SHORT wedding-trips are the style this year," says a fashion journal. "They are shorter than ever in Chicago nowadays, consisting usually of a sail to the white city and a rush back by rail to the nearest divorce court."

A FARO (PHARAOH) LAY-OUT.

A NEW PROFESSION.

"WHAT is your son going to do now that he has left college, Mrs. Spriggins?"

"I dunno exactly. He's talkin' of goin' into law; but I've heern tell as how there's lots o' money in bankruptcy, an' I'd like to have him try that."

IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

Archie—"So, since you lost your fortune you have had to give up your valet, eh?"

Reginald—"Yes; since I got rid of the cares and annoyances of wealth I am my own man again."

BEYOND HIS POWER.

Mrs. Younghusband—"You make light of everything I do."

Younghusband—"You must except your tea-biscuit, my dear."

"ROCKS" OF AGES.

CASH TRANSACTION.

Bagley—"What is the latest news from the money market?"

Bailey—"Jack Hardy and the Newport heiress are engaged."

KNEW HIM WELL.

"DOWNY is always borrowing trouble."

"Yes; and I'll bet four dollars he never pays it back."

RESTRICTED.

THE KENTUCKIAN (*as he pours out a drink of whisky*)—"You'll have to excuse me for taking so small a drink, old man, but my physician has told me that I must drink less."

THE RESULT OF HIS EFFORT.

Trivvet—"Do you remember John M. Spilkins, who went west to make a name for himself?"

Dicer—"Yes."

Trivvet—"He succeeded."

Dicer—"Ah?"

Trivvet—"Yes; his name now is J. Melanchthon Spilkins."

AN IDEAL JUROR.

Chicago client—"I don't see what made you accept that Ducrow as a talesman."

Lawyer—"My dear sir, he is an ideal juror."

Chicago client—"How do you know?"

Lawyer—"Why, man, he was a Columbian guard."

THE TERRIBLE CHILD.

Lady—"So you are Mrs. Pease's little one? How old are you?"

Little one—"I'm seven. How old are you?"

Friend (to the rescue)—"Are you seven? And what is your name?"

Little one—"Frank Pease. What is your name?"

Friend—"My name is Miss Winegar."

Little one—"Winegar? Are you the mother in it?"

A FRENCH COUNT.

UP TO THE LATEST FASHION.

UNCLE BEN (*from Wayback*)—"I may be from the kentry, but you bet your uncle Ben knows what's what ez them people at Nephew Tom's party will diskiver."

"SIX OF ONE," ETC.

IN STRIVING to gain wealth
We're apt to lose our health;
Then to regain our health
We're apt to lose our wealth.

A COLD ONE.

Higbie—"Where's that Chicago friend of yours, Bigbie? You ought to look him up, although he didn't give you a fair shake at entertaining last year."

Bigbie—"Gave me one this year, though."

Higbie—"Did he?"

Bigbie—"Yes; a world's-fair shake."

DOUBTLESS.

Miss Quickley—"What would Neptune do for a swim if there were no water?"

Mr. Foghead—"I give it up."

Miss Quickley—"So would Neptune."

WHY NOT?

Bobby—"Pa, do they call a young eagle an eaglet?"

Pa—"Yes, Bobby."

Bobby—"Then I s'pose a little bull is a bullet."

A SWIFT END.

WITHIN a Texas town he gave
His banjo fullest vent,
And now above his simple grave
It makes a monument.

"I STOOD ON THE BRIDGE AT MIDNIGHT."

THE PROPOSAL.

I GREW quite confused as my lips dared to frame
The words I had often rehearsed.
I stammered and stuttered—I used her sweet name,
Then, fully prepared for the worst,
I boldly plunged in and got over my head
In a surging rhetorical sea—
Forgetting each second the last thing I said
And commencing again at A, B.
My tongue grew unruly—tripped over each word,
I nearly expired in distress,
Until, as I faltered a moment, I heard
In amazement—a low-whispered yes.

F. S. M.

THE SAME OLD EXCUSE.

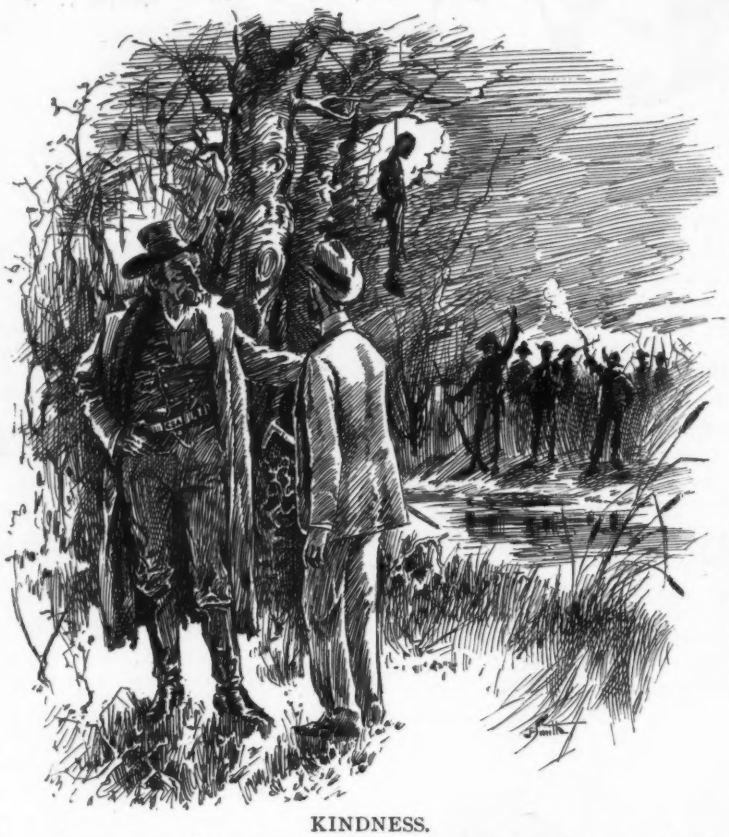
Magistrate—"Well, young man, what excuse have you for taking the picture when you were forbidden to do it?"

Young man—"Judge, I didn't know my camera was loaded."

NOT INTERESTED.

Snubbs—"How about that V I handed you last week?"

Tubbs—"Why, I handed it to my landlady. Ask her."



KINDNESS.

SOUTHERNER—"Yes, they wanted to burn him at first, but as they had no proof of his guilt I persuaded them to hang him instead. (*Proudly.*) You northerners may not think it, but there are some southerners who possess a little of the milk of human kindness."

A MEAN MAN.

"MY DEAR," said Mr. Bloobumper to his wife, "I wish you would have some of these biscuits of yours when Mr. Briscoe is here for dinner."

"I thought you didn't like Mr. Briscoe, love," replied Mrs. Bloobumper, sweetly.

"I don't."

NO OCCASION FOR EXTREMES.

Editor—"If you come here again I'll chuck you out of the window."

Spring poet—"What's the matter with the door?"

IN WASHINGTON MARKET.

Miss Samantha Woods (from Squedunk)—"I guess I'll take one good bilin' o' them greens, Mr. Hobbs. Spring o' the year it's so awful hard to git suthin that 'll relish; an' then when you do git suthin that 'll relish, jest ez like ez not it don't set."

A DELICATE QUESTION.

CHOLLY (*book keeper*)—"When we are married, Ethel, these delicate hands shall never know work."

ETHEL (*type-writer*)—"Whose hands?"

COMPARISON.

"AH!" SAID the man, with bated breath,
Who lived with his third scolding wife,
"You talk about 'the jaws of death,'
They're nothing to the jaws of life."

THE PENALTY.

Observing friend—"By Jove, you're looking splendid, Asbury! Wish I could have had a trip to the sea-side. But what has scarred your face up so? Been blackberrying?"

Mr. Asbury Park (sighing)—"No; hat-pins."

A WARNING.

THE TEACHER (*impressively*)—"I hope, after what I have said, James, that you will never again be guilty of telling a falsehood. Do you know that in the whole twenty-two years of my life I have never told an untruth."

(*James retires much impressed.*)

"A LITTLE FRESH HEIR."

ACQUIRING INFORMATION.

"NOW in your chamber of deputies—vat ees eet you call him?" said the Frenchman who was struggling to obtain a knowledge of the English language and of American institutions.

"Congress.'

"Oui, oui. In your congress you have ze ladies as members. Ees eet not true?"

"No. The membership is confined to males."

"Ees eet possible I am meestaken? Ze word maiden, does eet not mean ze lady—ze unmarried lady?"

"It does."

"Zen I am right. You have in your congress ze unmarried ladies as members."

"Oh, no; you are wrong there."

"But, sare, I did see in your newspapairs about ze maiden speeches in your congress. Am I not right, sare?"

DURING THE STORM.

Gracie (calling down-stairs)—"Mamma, mamma! come up here. I'se 'fraid!"

Mamma (calling up)—"Now, Gracie, go back to bed like a good little girl. You know what mamma told you. That is God talking in the storm. He will take care of you."

Gracie (five minutes later)—"Mamma, you come up here an' stay wiv God a little while an' let me go down an' stay wiv papa."

THE WEARISOMEST.

OF THE wearying things in a weary world
The wearisomest ex-*tant*
Is the wearisome mortal—he or she—
Who tries to be "smart"—and can't.

THE ONLY WAY.

Harkins—"Hello, Hunker! How do you find business?"

Hunker—"By advertising."

TIRED.

FARMER—"What yer sittin' on thet fence fer?"
TRAMP—"'Cause I'se tired, mister."
FARMER (*scornfully*)—"Tired! Tired of what, I'd like ter know?"
TRAMP—"Answering fool questions, mister."

WALLIE'S LATEST.

"WHAT'S that big building over there, Wallie?" asked the visitor, pointing to the monastery that stood near Wallie's home.

"That," said Wallie proudly, at the thought of telling somebody something they didn't know; "that is the monstrosity."

A BAD MISTAKE.

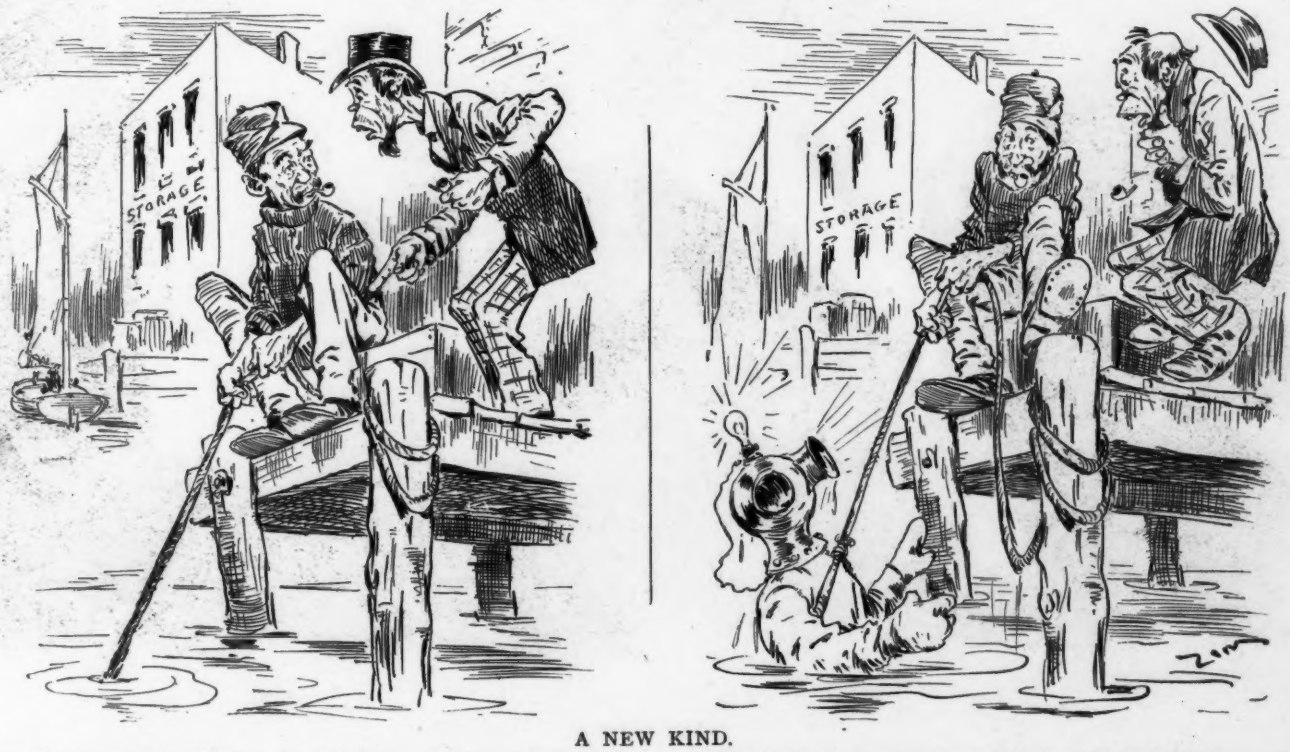
THE PYTHON—"Great Scott! what an unmitigated ass I was to take that dude's straw hat in along with the rest of him."

YOUR FRIEND'S ADVICE.

THERE'S your friend who has given advice;
To be grateful you do not require.
You will find, and you need not look twice,
To get rid of it was his desire.

FOREIGN PROVERB.

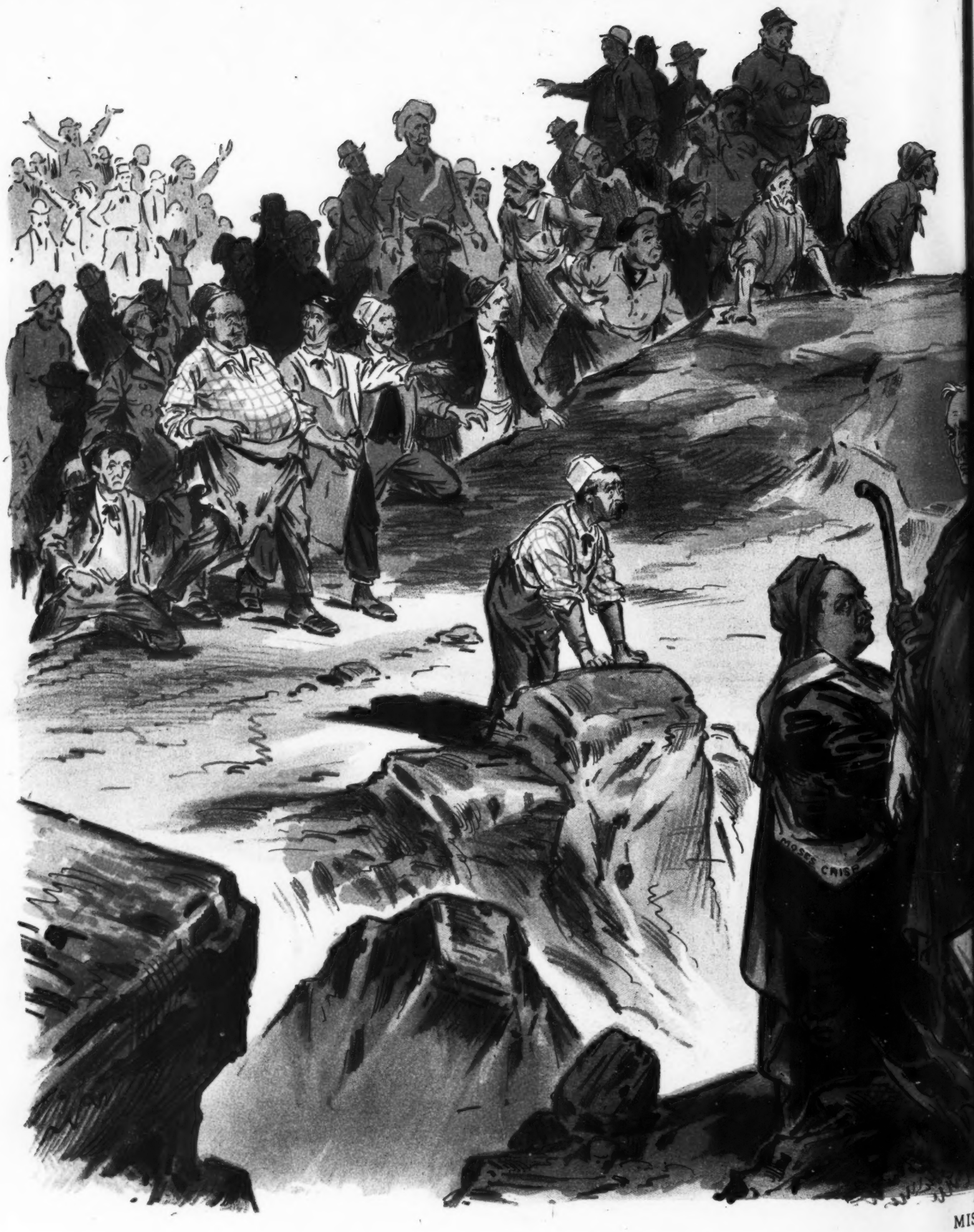
HOUSEHOLD saints work no miracles.



A NEW KIND.

PAT (*just arrived in this country*)—"Look t' yer loine, man! Don't yez see thot yez hov a boite?"

PAT (*as the diver comes up*)—"Thunderin' Moses! Oi've seen mermaids an' th' loikes o' thot, but I niver seen a manmaid befoor."



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MIS IDED.

KINGMEN— this the Promised Land?"

"GOING TO HEADQUARTERS."

TIME TO RUN.

"HAS the populist mass-meeting let out?" asked Bagley as he saw people hurrying away from the building.

"No," replied one of them; "it has just begun."

SHE DREW HIM OUT.

"NO," SAID Miss Kittish airily, "the best is none too good for me."

"Then permit me to offer myself," said Mr. Dolley promptly.

A LITTLE CHANGE NECESSARY.

S. MILLIGAN JONES—"What is it you want?"

PAT O'DOWD—"Shure, sor, Oi hope yez don't moind me axin', but th' docther tould me a little change wud be a good thing fer me appetoite, if yez plaze, sor."

A HINT TO THE "COUPON" NEWSPAPERS.

THE *Daily Harum-Scarum*, always seeking to benefit its readers, has made arrangements to procure for them the latest styles of coffins at slaughter prices, provided that all orders be sent in on the coupons printed on the second page. These articles are peculiarly useful to a certain class of people at this season. They are necessities, not luxuries.

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Editor Harum-Scarum—Coffin received. It is so beautiful that I am consoled for the loss of my husband, and I know he admires it as much as I do as he looks down on it from another world. The silk lining is so lovely that it is a pity to consign it to the earth. I am going to get some just like it for a gown when I go out of mourning. It will serve to remind me of my departed love and of the goodness of the *Daily Harum-Scarum*.

W. L. RIORDON.

A MASKED BALL.

THE APPROACHING QUESTION.

"Where the dickens did I put the pawn-ticket for my overcoat?"

ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS.

First L guard (calling)—"Forty-second street!"

Second L guard (his first trip)—"Same at this end!"

OVERWEIGHTED.

THE HORSE—"The judge alone is a pretty stiff load to carry, but when I have to carry both the judge and the judge's load I call it tough."

A GENTLE ACCUSATION.

"BRAINARD used rather strong language at the trial yesterday, didn't he?"

"Well, I must say that he employed a speech which seemed to need deodorizing."

A PRACTICAL BACHELOR.

Primus—"Jobson says Diggs is too unsophisticated for anything."

Secundus—"What's he done?"

Primus—"Sent a jewel-case to Miller's new-born baby."

Secundus—"What did Jobson send it?"

Primus—"A bottle of hair-restorer."

HIS BEREAVEMENT.

"DID you know that Flasker has been successfully treated for inebriety?"

"No. How does he like the change?"

"It goes pretty hard with him. You see, Flasker was extremely fond of pets, and it hurt him to lose his menagerie."

Love unto his bosom pressed her;
Hovering angels kissed and blessed her;
Morn in robes of splendor dressed her;
Roses formed a couch to rest her;
White doves gave their down to nest her;
Music-murmuring winds caressed her;
Jersey skeeters feared to pester,
And no babe can beat or best her—
There's your bloomin' rhymes for Esther.
—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The thing the newspaper paragraphers all seem to overlook is that sometimes a college student can be a first-class foot-ball player and at the same time head the rank-list in his class. —*Somerville Journal.*

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The happiest lot for a man as far as birth is concerned is that it should be such as to give him but little occasion to think much about it. —*Whately.*

First passenger (in a railway train)—"There was quite a coincidence at my house last night." *Second passenger*—"Indeed! What was it?" *First passenger*—"Twins."—*Tid-Bits.*

Wifey—"Why do you take the umbrella, dear? Are you afraid somebody will steal it?" *Hubby*—"No; I'm afraid somebody will recognize it."—*Detroit Tribune.*

That a woman has no idea of distance is known by every husband who has heard his wife boast how far she makes her dollars go.—*Atchison Globe.*

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Have a purpose in life, and, having it, throw into your work such strength of mind and muscle as God has given you.—*Carlyle.*

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"Insufficiently balanced in his jaws," is the description of John James Ingalls by the New York *Age*, an Afro-American newspaper. We always thought the constant shifting of brain cargo was what was the matter with him.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

A Hoboken woman's husband remarked testily that he "wouldn't give two cents for her way of cooking," and she has made it the basis of a suit for divorce. Some women are entirely two cts. ative.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

When lightning strikes it admits of no arbitration.—*Burlington Free Press.*

"Zat man," exclaimed the excited Gaul, "ees one execr-r-rable, eenfamous liar-r-r! I weel tell eem so in plain English, by gar!"—*Chicago Tribune.*

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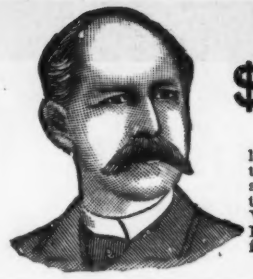

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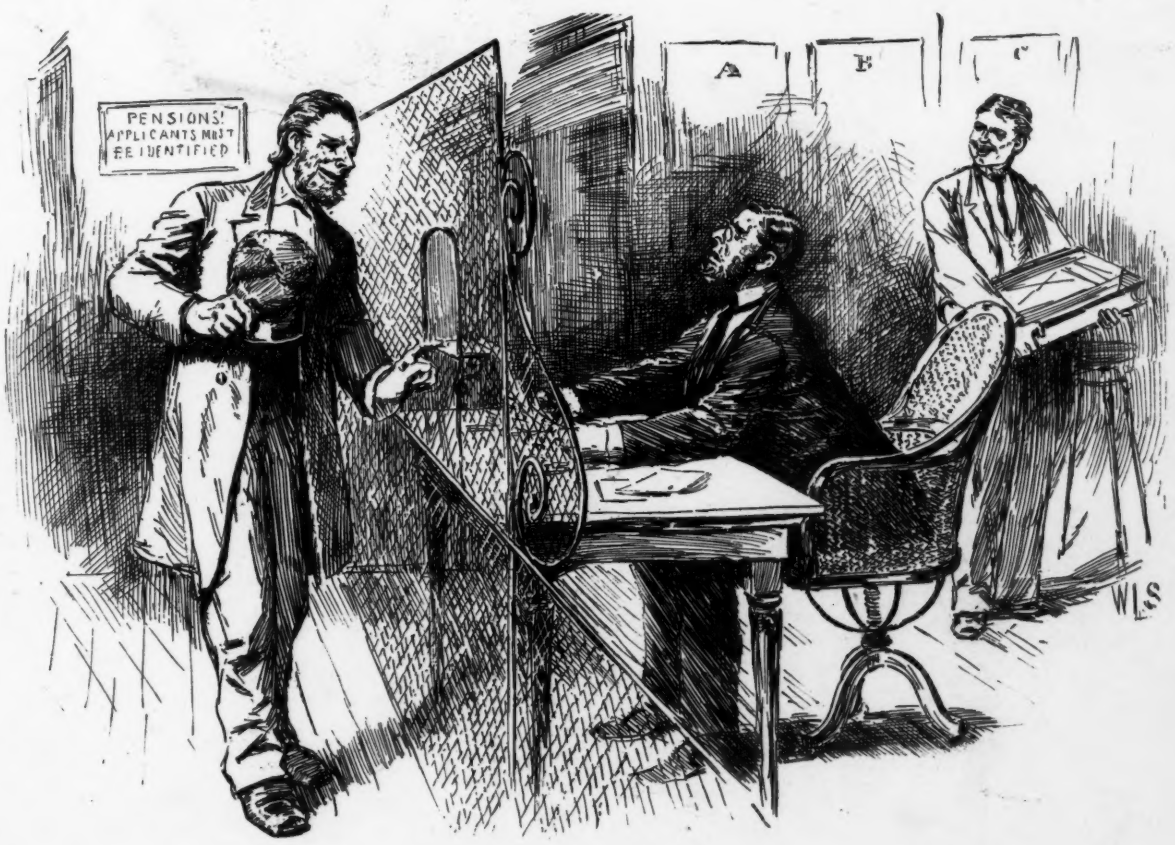

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